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PROTOCOL TO THE WARSAW CONVENTION, MONTREAL, SEP 1975

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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATES GOF AGREEABLE ATTEND  
ADDITIONAL MEETING DISCUSS US THREE-PART PROPOSAL, BUT  
IF MEETING TO BE HELD OSLO INVITATION MUST COME FROM  
NORWEGIANS AT WHOSE INITIATIVE JUNE 24-25 MEETING CON-  
VENED. FRENCH WOULD PREFER JULY 26. FRENCH SUPPORT PLA-  
CING DISCUSSION REVISION OF GUATEMALA ON CONFERENCE  
AGENDA FOR SEPT.; ARE NON-COMMITTAL AT THIS STAGE ON CO-  
SPONSORSHIP; AND WANT MORE CLARIFICATION ON PRECISE  
FORMULA ENVISAGED FOR ACHIEVING THIRD POINT IN US PRO-  
POSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. WE DISCUSSED REFTTEL LATE LAST WEEK WITH MME DE LA  
BATUT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF FOREIGN  
MINISTRY AND AGAIN JUNE 17 AND 18 AFTER SHE AND OTHER GOF  
EXPERTS CONCERNED HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY REFLECT SOMEWHAT  
ON IT. SHE SAID GOF DEL WOULD BE PREPARED STAY ON IN  
OSLO FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS RE US THREE-PART PROPO-  
SAL. (MAIN PURPOSE OSLO MEETING, SHE SAID, WAS TO PREPARE  
FOR SEPT. CONFERENCE). SHE ADDED THAT INITIATIVE FOR  
CONVENING ADDITIONAL MEETING IN OSLO AS SUGGESTED BY USG  
WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM NORWEGIANS, HOWEVER, SINCE IT WAS  
THEY WHO HAD ISSUED INVITATIONS FOR JUNE 24-25 INTRA-EUROP  
PEAN MEETING. WE INFORMED HER ON BASIS OSLO 2423 THAT  
NORWEGIANS WERE AGREEABLE SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL MEETING  
AFTER INTRA-EUROPEAN DISCUSSIONS HAD CONCLUDED AND HAD  
PROPOSED JUNE 27 AS MOST CONVENIENT DATE. MME DE LA  
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BATUT SAID FRENCH WOULD PREFER JUNE 26 BUT SHE WAS NOT  
INSISTENT ON THIS POINT. SHE SAID THAT FRENCH DEL TO JUNE  
24-25 MEETING WOULD CONSIST OF GUILLAUME AND HERSELF AND  
PROBABLY ALSO ONE OTHER LEGAL EXPERT.

2. ON FIRST POINT OF US THREE-PART PROPOSAL, DE LA BATUT  
SAID THAT GOF AGREED THAT REVISION OF GUATEMALA SHOULD BE  
PLACED ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

IN SEPT. ON SECOND POINT, SHE SAID THAT WHILE GOF AGREED GOLD FRANC CLAUSE SHOULD BE REPLACED, GOF COULD NOT AGREE CO-SPONSOR PROPOSAL FOR SDR CLAUSE PENDING RECEIPT OF FINANCE MINISTRY VIEWS THIS SUBJECT, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE IN HAND MUCH BEFORE OSLO MEETING. SHE INDICATED THAT FINANCE MINISTRY, FOR BROADER REASONS OF MONETARY POLICY, MIGHT HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT CO-SPONSORSHIP, AND THAT GOF MIGHT INSTEAD CHOOSE WAIT TO SEE HOW DISCUSSION GOES AT SEPT. CONFERENCE BEFORE GIVING SUPPORT TO SDR CLAUSE AS REPLACEMENT FOR GOLD CLAUSE. ON THIRD POINT SHE SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR ON BASIS REFTEL INFO JUST WHAT FORMULA USG FAVORED FOR AMENDING GUATEMALA ALONG LINES DESCRIBED LAST SENTENCE PARA 2 REFTEL. SHE PRODUCED ICAO DOCS CONTAINING LANGUAGE WHICH BOTH US AND JAPAN HAD PROPOSED TO THAT END, ON WHICH WE WERE UNINFORMED. SHE FURTHER NOTED THAT GOF, AS PARTY TO THE HAGUE WHICH USG WAS NOT, THUS HAD DIFFERENT INTEREST TO PROTECT VIS-A-VIS OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WERE PARTIES TO THE HAGUE AND MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT SUBSCRIBE TO GUATEMALA. WE DREW HER ATTENTION TO COMMENT IN LAST SENTENCE PARA 7 REFTEL, AND ADDED THAT THIS WAS TECHNICAL MATTER ON WHICH EMBASSY WAS NOT COMPETENT BUT WHICH

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COULD BE EXPLORED WITH US DEL AT OSLO MEETING.

3. DE LA BATUT ALSO DWELT ON QUESTION OF WHETHER USG PROPOSAL FOR SDR CLAUSE, AS OUTLINED IN US PAPER CIRCULATED AT APRIL MEETING (PARA 24 REFTEL), WOULD RESULT IN EFFECTIVE INCREASE IN LIMIT OF LIABILITY. SHE SAID THAT AGREEMENT ON LIMIT OF LIABILITY IN GUATEMALA HAD BEEN DIFFICULT AND HAD RESULTED FROM AGREEMENT ON \$100,000 FIGURE THAT HAD THEN BEEN EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF GOLD FRANCS. SHE SAID THAT GOF DID NOT CONSIDER THAT REPLACEMENT OF GOLD CLAUSE SHOULD BE OCCASION FOR RE-OPENING DEBATE ON LIMIT OF LIABILITY, WHEREAS US PROPOSAL WOULD SEEM TO DO THIS IN ADVOCATING CHOICE OF 100,000 SDR'S WHICH AT CURRENT VALUE CORRESPONDED TO ABOUT

\$120,000. BEYOND REFERRING HER AGAIN TO RATIONALE IN US PAPER, WE SUGGESTED THAT THIS TOO WAS SUBJECT THAT GOF WOULD BE BETTER ADVISED PURSUE FURTHER DIRECTLY WITH US DEL AT OSLO.

4. DE LA BATUT REGRETTED THAT WE HAD NO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE TO PROVIDE AT THIS STAGE FOR OUR THREE-PART PROPOSAL. WE LEFT WITH HER EXPURGATED TEXT OF REFTEL TO HELP GOF FOCUS ON OUR IDEAS. SHE ALSO ASKED ABOUT COMPOSITION US DEL FOR OSLO MEETING; WE INDICATED WE WERE UNINFORMED BUT WOULD PROVIDE THIS INFO IF FORTHCOMING FROM WASHINGTON AT LATER DATE.

5. PARA 7 REFTEL INDICATED WE SHOULD CONTACT GUILLAUME. WE PREFERRED, HOWEVER, DEAL THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY AS RESULT THAT MINISTRY'S GENERAL SENSITIVITY OVER BEING CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION TO GOF ON MATTERS SUCH AS ABOVE  
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REQUIRING CONSULTATION WITH SEVERAL OTHER GOF SERVICES. DE LA BATUT WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GUILLAUME ANYWAY.  
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